



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Launched in December 2003, the Emergency Medical Services division has provided the highest quality emergency care available and continues to enhance this vital service. EMS provides clinically superior, cost-effective emergency medical services and transport to the citizens and visitors of Leon County.

Leon County EMS Chief Tom Quillin has led the division since 2005, having previously served as the City of Tallahassee's Fire Chief. He leads a team of talented professionals who provide medical services to Leon County citizens and visitors.

Chief Quillin is a member of the State of Florida EMS Advisory Council, the Florida Fire Chiefs Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association and serves on the Board of Directors for Capital City Youth Services. He was also awarded the 2010 EMS Pioneer Award by the Florida Department of Health for his innovation and leadership, and his team received the 2010 Florida EMS Provider of the Year Award. LCEMS also obtained full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services this year, becoming the first municipally-based provider in Florida to be awarded accreditation.



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PRESERVING LIFE, IMPROVING HEALTH, PROMOTING SAFETY

- The division's Heart Ready Initiative was recognized as one of the first annual State Surgeon General Health Innovation, Prevention, and Management Award recipients in recognition of the division's commitment to providing wellness, disease prevention and healthy lifestyle activities from Florida Surgeon General Ana M. Viamonte Ros. These efforts by the County have also been recognized by the American Heart Association who designated Leon County a Heart Ready Community for the fourth consecutive year.
- Awarded 2010 Florida EMS Provider of the Year award by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
- Obtained full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services, becoming only the eighth EMS provider and the first municipally-based provider in Florida awarded accreditation.
- Paramedic Steven Suarez was named the 2010 Paramedic of the Year by the Florida Department of Health for his involvement in injury and disease prevention programs.
- Partnered with the Leon County Health Department in their response to the H1N1 "Swine Flu" outbreak by providing 16,500 H1N1 immunizations at schools and health clinics.
- Trained more than 700 Leon County citizens in CPR and the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and presented "Power to End Stroke" seminars to more than 200 citizens, a community stroke- prevention and awareness program that targets the African-American community, a population at high risk for strokes.
- Presented 130 public-education and injury-prevention programs throughout the community at venues such as schools, universities, businesses, churches, neighborhood associations and civic clubs.
- Successfully established the first annual EMS Safety Fair during National EMS Week. This event included public safety partner agencies such as the Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee Fire Department, and Tallahassee Police Department. The agencies involved at this event conducted demonstrations and educational activities for the public. A car seat safety checkpoint properly installed child safety seats and a bike safety rodeo provided 120 properly fitted bicycle helmets to participants at no charge.
- Continued to improve the chances of survival for cardiac arrest patients by advocating for the placement of AEDs and CPR through education and outreach activities. Efforts have increased the number of AEDs in the community registered with the EMS from 417 to 594.
- Responded to 31,076 requests for service; including 7,816 traumas; 2,730 difficulty breathings; 3,128 motor-vehicle crashes; 3,410 cardiac problems; and 656 strokes. Of these requests, the division transported 22,144 patients.



DID YOU KNOW

EMS provides several public-education and injury-prevention programs with topics including CPR and AED training, Healthy Heart Living, Child Passenger Safety Seats, Children and Senior Adult Health and Wellness, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, and Power to End Stroke seminars. These programs are designed to preserve life, improve health and promote safety.